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Iran-Iraq Conflict

Iraq used six surface-to-surface missiles to bombard the Iranian cities of Masjed Soleyman, Behbehan, and Andimeshk early on 14 February, killing 30 civilians and wounding 65 others, Tehran radio announced. The attack followed a warning by a military spokesman, broadcast by Baghdad Voice of the Masses Radio, that, in order to deter the "treacherous Iranian regime" and in retaliation for shelling of Iraqi cities, Iraq would "vehemently strike" selected targets "deep inside Iranian territory."

In a related development, the commander of the Iraqi naval force and coastal defense emphasized that "definite destruction" will be the fate of any ships which try to enter Bandar-e Khomeyni and Bushehr, INA reported.

Meanwhile, Iranian artillery pounded the cities of Basra, Khanaqin, and Mandali for the second consecutive day, IRNA said. The Iraqi Armed Forces General Command communique for 13 February, broadcast by Baghdad radio, reported 14 people killed and 36 wounded in Basra, 6 killed and 16 wounded in Khanaqin, and 2 killed in Mandali as a result of the shelling.

A communique of the VII Jerusalem Corps Headquarters, carried by Tehran radio on 13 February, announced a successful advance by Iranian forces 20 km into Iraqi territory southwest of Marivan, the capture of a number of important heights, and the liberation of 115 square km of Iraqi territory. Iranian forces are now "overlooking" the As-Sulaymaniyah-Baghdad highway and Darband-i Khan lake, the communique added.

Lebanon

Lebanese Air Force planes raided hostile targets in the Ash-Shuf Mountains southeast of Beirut to support Army positions in the area which were subjected to repeated attacks by some 3,000 "gunmen" early on 14 February, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. A Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) military official, in a statement broadcast by the PSP's clandestine Voice of the Mountain Radio, confirmed that "fierce battles" were raging in the hills and asserted that PSP forces were advancing near 'Bayh, a village 5 miles east of Ad-Damur. According to the PSP radio, the battle started late the previous evening when PSP forces repulsed an Army-Phalangist attempt to cut the supply road from the Ash-Shuf to West Beirut.

Meanwhile, in a French radio interview reported by AFP, PSP leader Walid Junblatt rejected President Amin al-Jumayyil's latest peace proposals and repeated his call for Al-Jumayyil's resignation, though he said he does not want to turn the resignation issue into a "personal" matter.

In another development, the Lebanese Forces Command Council issued a statement calling on Lebanon to abide by its May 1983 agreement with Israel, "considering it an important step toward liberating all Lebanon from all foreign forces." The Phalangist statement, which was broadcast by the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon, added that "within the context of reappraising its strategy" the Command Council has decided to withdraw its forces from barracks south of the Al-Awwali River. Any change in the Lebanese political balance should affect the balance among the Muslim factions rather than that between Christians and Muslims.

Both Amal Movement leader Nabih Birri and Lebanese Mufti Shaykh Hasan Khalid denied "rumors" of the eviction of Christians from West Beirut in statements reported by Voice of the Mountain. The chief mufti also issued a joint statement with the deputy chairman of the Higher Shi'ite Council calling for abidance by the cease-fire in Beirut prior to reopening all the crossing points between the western and eastern sectors, Beirut radio noted. The Voice of the Mountain said the crossing points into "nationalist" Beirut will be regulated to prevent Phalangist sabotage attempts. Meanwhile, a spokesman cited by AFP said the Army has no intention of recapturing West Beirut because it would cause a "bloodbath."

Inter-Arab Affairs

Washington Meetings — Egyptian President Husni Mubarak met with Jordan's King Husayn in Washington on 12 February, Cairo and Amman radios reported. The latter radio also reported the king's White House reception by President Reagan. Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali, in a statement to MENA, said Mubarak and Husayn will both meet the President on 14 February to discuss issues of mutual concern including the Jordanian-Palestinian dialogue, PLO Chairman Yasir 'Arafat's visit to Cairo, the U.S. attitude toward the PLO, and the Egyptian-French plan for peace in the Middle East. Egypt has prepared a working paper on the Lebanese situation and the Middle East crisis which it will present during the meeting, MENA stated citing *AL-AHRAM*.

Syrian Contacts — President Hafiz al-Asad discussed the Lebanese crisis with Libyan Staff Major 'Abd as-Salam Jallud during a 13 February meeting in Damascus, according to Damascus radio. Earlier, after concluding his visit to Syria, PDRY leader 'Ali Nasir Muhammad said his talks with Al-Asad would strengthen the "militant" alliance between Syria and the PDRY, and he reaffirmed his support for Syria and the Palestinian people's struggle under the PLO, the radio reported.

GCC Chiefs of Staff — The fourth meeting of the chiefs of staff of the GCC states began in Qatar on 13 February, Doha radio announced.

Iraq

Kurdish guerrillas kidnapped two European technicians working in Mosul on 4 February but will release them if the Iraqi Government releases 60 Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) prisoners, repatriates 8,000 Kurds deported to southern Iraq, and ends summary executions of Kurds, a KDP spokesman told AFP in Geneva.

Pakistan

Pakistan's acquisition of nuclear energy is solely for peaceful purposes, President Mohammad Ziaul Haq told newsmen in remarks reported by Karachi radio.

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3-Day National Mourning Declared for Andropov

LD111622 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Announcement of PDPA Central Committee, DRA Revolutionary Council, and DRA Council of Ministers on death of Yu.V. Andropov, general secretary of CPSU Central Committee and president of USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium]

[Text] The PDPA Central Committee, the DRA Revolutionary Council, and the DRA Council of Ministers, announce a 3-day period of national mourning throughout the country starting from tomorrow, 12 February 1984, on the death of Yu.V. Andropov, the outstanding personality of the CPSU and Soviet Government, earnest friend of the people of Afghanistan, and staunch fighter on the path of the people's peace, friendship, and security. During this period, the DRA national flag and PDPA flag will be flown at half-mast.

Condolence Telegram Sent

LD111838 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Telegram from PDPA Central Committee, DRA Revolutionary Council, and Council of Ministers addressed to CPSU Central Committee, USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, and USSR Council of Ministers]

[Text] Dear Comrades: With great sorrow we learned of the sudden death of Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, a distinguished figure of the Soviet Communist Party and state, a staunch fighter for the realization of the ideals of communism, peace,and friendship among the masses.

Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov dedicated all his life, knowledge, energy, experience, and constructive power to the Communist Party and the struggle for the prosperity of the toilers.

The realization of the economic, political, and social strategy of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which has been outlined in the historical decisions of the 26th CPSU Congress and the subsequent plenums of the CPSU Central Committee, are the new significant gains of the Union of the Soviets in the development of advanced socialism, which has an unbreakable link with the name of Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov.

The bright life of Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov, consistent continuer of the great Lenin, is an example of self-sacrificing service to the interests of the Soviet people and all progressive mankind.

Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov, with his significant activities, played a great part in expanding all-round cooperation among the society of socialist countries and in strengthening the unity of international communist and workers movements in the struggle for peace and progress.

Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov manifested the resolute will of the Soviet people to save mankind form the dangers of nuclear catastrophe.

Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov was a true and sincere friend of Afghanistan. He paid continuous attention to liberation movements, to the (?cause) of internationalist assistance to the people of Afghanistan in the defense of their revolutionary gains, and to the expansion and strengthening of of friendship and fraternal cooperation between the DRA and the Soviet Union.

The PDPA, DRA Revolutionary Council, the Afghan Government, and all people of Afghanistan will eternally remember Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov and the internationalist assistance of the great Soviet Union to the revolutionary Afghanistan, will hold dear the friendship and cooperation of the Soviet Union in the realization of their common goals in the struggle against the conspiracies of imperialism and reaction, and will further strengthen and enrich it.

Dear comrades, we express our profound sorrow and sympathy in this great loss for the CPSU, the people of the Soviet Union,and all progressive mankind.

[Signed] PDPA Central Committee, Presidium of the DRA Revolutionary Council, and DRA Council of Ministers

Condolence Book Signed

LD122238 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Excerpt] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, today at 0900 hours local time called at the Soviet Embassy in Kabul and signed his sorrow and condolences in a special book which was opened in that embassy on the death of Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

Members of the Politburo and Secretariat of the party Central Committee; members of the party Central Committee; members of the Revolutionary Council; members of the Council of Ministers; members of the Supreme Court; officials of the party Central Committee and apparat; members of the Executive Bureau of Kabul city party committee and secretaries of Kabul city party committee wards; Executive Board of the National Fatherland Front; members of the Islamic Affairs Department; generals and high-ranking officers of the Armed Forces; officials and representatives of the social organizations; high-ranking civil officials; intellectuals and toilers of Kabul city also wrote their condolences in the special book.

Karmal Leaves for Funeral

LD131419 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] Kabul, 13 Feb (BAKHTAR) — Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, left for the Soviet Union this

morning to attend the funeral of Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman cf the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium.

At Kabul International Airport Babrak Karmal and his delegation were seen off by Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers; members of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and Secretariat; members of the Party Central Committee; vice presidents and members of the Revolutionary Council Presidium; members of the Revolutionary Council and of the Council of Ministers; members of the Supreme Court; members of the Executive Council of the National Fatherland Front; members of the High Council of the Clergy and Islamic Affairs; head of social organizations and charge d'affaires of the Soviet Union's embassy in Kabul.

Saleh Mohammad Ziray, Politburo member and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, and Mohammad Anwar Farzam, secretary of the DRA Revolutionary Council presidium, are accompanying Babrak Karmal on this trip.

Revolutionary Council Holds Extraordinary Session

LD120623 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0425 GMT 12 Feb 84

[Text] Kabul, Feb. 11, BAKHTAR — The law of local organs of the state power and administration was endorsed by an extraordinary session of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA held here today under the chairmanship of Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA.

In his speech, Babrak Karmal first of all expressed the deep and profound grief of the PDPA, the Revolutionary Council, the state and the people of Afghanistan on the sad demise of Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov, general secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU and president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. On the suggestion of Babrak Karmal the participants observed one minute silence for paying tribute to Andropov, the prominent figure for peace and security in the world. Babrak Karmal added that the name of this true friend of the Afghan people would remain for ever in the memory of Afghan people for his devotion to global peace.

Babrak Karmal called the approval of the law of local organs of the state power and administration as being a great historical and principled decision taken by the members of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA.

He stressed that with the approval of this law the Afghan people have practically demonstrated the sovereignty of the people and for the first time determine their destiny by themselves.

President of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA emphasized that with the promulgation of this law, the Afghan people would move forward from the creation of local organs of the state power and administration towards the establishment of Loi Jirgah, i.e., the "Grand Assembly." This, Babrak Karmal pointed out, would be an iron fist which signifies a firm and crushing rebuff to theinternal and external enemies and the Afghan counter-revolution.

The session also endorsed the resolutions of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA on the Soviet initiatives safeguarding peace, prevention of arms race and consolidation of peace among the countries.

SPA Reports Soviet Offensive Around Qandahar

LD102011 Riyadh SPA in English 1911 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Text] Islamabad, Feb 10, SPA — Soviets started their long-dreaded offensive around Qandahar, Afghanistan's second biggest city, late January and for first time used surface-to-surface missiles against resistance hideouts, MUJAHID PRESS AGENCY (MPA) official news agency of Peshawar-based fundamentalist Afghan mujahideen unity reported here Friday. MPA reports said during last days of January, Soviets launched fierce attack on mujahideen stronghold in Arghandab country of Qandahar province and rained surface-to-surface missiles on particularly Naubahar village, killing large numbers of civilians and freedom-fighters.

Three villages including Naubahar were devastated and at least 16 mujahideen dead bodies were counted at one place according to MPA report.

It said since the area was not tankable, Soviets resorted to the use of missiles. MPA also speaks of Soviet offensive on another resistance stronghold of Maballajaat near Qandahar which was hit by Soviet rockets coming from Qandahar airport direction.

Since virtual liberation of Qandahar city by mujahideen this winter, Soviets were using airport as their staging-ground for air and artillery attacks. MPA reported heavy loss of life in Mehalljaat area without giving exact number of casualties. The agency also reported Soviet aerial attack and bombing of Pashtoon-Bagh area near Qandahar which was made target of indiscriminate bombing resulting in widespread loss of life and property.

Rebel Groups 'Crushed' in Nangarhar Province

LD101448 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0451 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Text] Kabul, February 9, BAKHTAR: A big gang of counter-revolutionaries who had been dusturbing the peaceful life of the inhabitants of Rodat District of Nangarhar Province were crushed together with their ringleader named Abdul Wahed by the security forces.

According to another report, a large number of counterrevolutionaries were also crushed in (Hikhansur) District of the province. A large quantity of assorted weapons were confiscated from them.

Delegation Departs for Andropov's Funeral

BK130251 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0110 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Excerpt] World leaders have started arriving in Moscow to attend the funeral of the Soviet leader, Mr Andropov, which is taking place tomorrow. A high-level Bangladesh delegation led by the deputy chief martial law administrator and minister for communications, Rear Admiral M.A. Khan, left Dhaka last night for Moscow to attend the funeral of the Soviet president. The delegation, among others, includes the information minister, Syed Najmuddin Hashim.

Delhi Reports Jahangir Nagar University Closed

BK130319 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] In Bangladesh, the Jahangir Nagar University near Dhaka was ordered to be closed sine die from yesterday. The students were asked to vacate their residential hostels following recent clashes between the Chhatra Sangram Parishad and the military regime-sponsored Natun Bangla Chhatra Samaj. Authorities took the decision in apprehension of further clashes between the two rival student groups. Both the groups called meetings inside the unviersity campus.

AFP: 1 Dead, 150 Injured in Elections Violence

BK130709 Hong Kong AFP in English 0701 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] Dhaka, Feb 13 (AFP) — Authorities in a southeastern river port town imposed an order banning group gatherings following post-poll violence yesterday which left one dead, about 150 wounded and a village ransacked, officials said today.

Yesterday's violence in Narayanganj followed clashes Saturday between supporters of two rival candidates in polling that day. Election officials suspended polling in five of the town's 44 centres.

Press reports today said yesterday's incident occurred when one candidate's supporters attacked the tiny village of Salenhagar across the river, accusing villagers of not voting as promised. During the two-hour attack a 22-year-old man died of knife wounds and several houses, including those of two local candidates for post of commissioner, were burnt and looted.

Women and children fled for shelter in nearby villages. Seven of the wounded were hospitalised in serious condition. Six families were left homeless.

After the incident, police reached the village and imposed a ban on the public assembly of more than four persons.

The elections were the second phase of elections for the country's 4,000 union councils which represent groups of villages.

Tripartite Meeting on Punjab Issue Held

BK140934 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 14 Feb 84

[Text] The tripartite meeting to resolve the problem in Punjab discussed the Akali Dal's territorial demands in New Delhi this morning. The discussions have been adjourned till tomorrow afternoon. An official spokesman said the adjournment will give the leaders time to have informal consultations on these demands. Tomorrow, the meeting is scheduled to start at 1530.

From the government side, the home minister, Mr Sethi; the finance minister, Mr Pranab Mukherjee; the parliamentary affairs minister, Mr Buta Singh; and the energy minister, Mr Shiv Shankar, took part in the talks. They were assisted by top officials of the union government.

The Akali Dal was represented by Mr Gurcharan Singh Tohra, Mr Prakash Singh Badal, Mr S.S. Barnala, Mr Randhir Singh Chima, and Mr Balwant Singh.

Opposition leaders who attended the meeting include Mr Chandra Shekhar, Mr Madhu Dandavate, Mr Jagjivan Ram, Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee, Mr L.K. Advani, Mr S.N. Mishra, Mr Chandrajit Yadav. Mr Chitta Basu, Mr Harkishen Singh Surjeet, Mr Dharamvir Sinha, Dr Swaroop Singh, Mr Biji Patnaik, and Mr G.R. Kochak.

The tripartite talks follow the initiative taken by the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, who discussed the Punjab problem with opposition leaders last week.

1 Killed in 13 February Amritsar Incident

BK131615 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] In Amritsar, one person was killed and another injured seriously today when they were shot by some unidentified men. The deceased was a son of a retired deputy superintendent of police.

Violence Reported in Jullundur, Curfew Imposed

BK141000 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 14 Feb 84

[Text] Curfew was imposed in Jullundur City today following some violent incidents in connection with the call for a bundh [strike] by the Suraksha Samiti [protection committee]. One person is reported to have died in a grenade explosion and about half a dozen injured. A shop and a motor cycle was set on fire.

Student Protests in Pakistan Reported

BK130316 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] In Pakistan, a number of students who were protesting against the ban on students union were arrested yesterday. They were trying to set fire to a college building in Rawalpindi. In Karachi, police used tear gas and batons to disperse the students who had set up road barricades. About 30 students and policemen are reported injured in the clashes. Under the martial law regulations, the students unions have been banned in Sind, Punjab, NWFP, and Islamabad.

Zia Expresses Hope for Good Relations With USSR

BK131641 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq left Islamabad for Moscow this afternoon to attend the last rites of Soviet President Yuriy Andropov to be held tomorrow. Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan and Foreign Secretary Niaz A. Naik are accompanying the president.

Talking to newsmen at the airport, the president said he is going to Moscow to represent Pakistan at the last rites of Andropov and to share the grief of the Soviet people who have been deprived of a great and competent leader. The president said that when he met Andropov during the last rites of Brezhnev, he had the feeling that he was a highly prudent and intelligent statesman and that he wanted to foster close and friendly relations with Pakistan.

President Mohammad Ziaul Haq said Pakistan has no dispute with the Soviet Union. There is difference only on the Afghanistan issue. He expressed the confidence that a solution to this issue can be found only with the wholehearted cooperation of the Soviet Union. He said it was his idea that a positive outcome would be arrived at during the leadership of Andropov, and certainly there has been Soviet cooperation in the indirect Geneva talks on the Afghanistan issue. The president said he has similar expectations from the new leadership of the Soviet Union. He expressed the hope that we will have the same good relations with the Soviet Union that we have with other neighboring countries. This spirit of understanding and cooperation will guide us in resolving the Afghanistan issue and promoting our relations.

The president said Pakistan enjoyed the full cooperation of the Soviet Union during Andropov's brief period of leadership. Relations between the two countries developed in a constructive manner, our trade with the Soviet Union went up, and the Soviet Union increased its aid in the technical sphere. In this context, the president referred to the completion of Pakistan Steel in Karachi and other Soviet-assisted projects, including a thermal power station. Other projects include a building materials plant which is used for the construction of houses.

In reply to a question, the president said that if possible, he will meet certain world leaders who will be present there to attend the last rites of the Soviet leader.

The president was seen off at the airport by the vice chief of the Army Staff, chief of the Navy and the Air Force, chairman of the Advisory Council, federal ministers, and senior officers. The Soviet ambassador was also present on the occasion.

Acting President Appointed During Zia Absence

BK131652 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] It has been officially announced in Rawalpindi that Chief Justice Mohammad Haleem will be the acting president, and Vice Chief of Army Staff General Sawar Khan will be the acting chief martial law administrator during the absence of President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq from the country. Supreme Court Justice Aslam Riaz Hussain will be the acting chief justice while Justice Mohammad Haleem is acting president.

NEPAL

King Sends Message on Death of USSR's Andropov

BK111632 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Text] His majesty the king, in a message of condolence to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR on the sad demise of Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov, the president of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, has said we are deeply grieved to know the sad passing away of the Soviet president, Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov. In his death, the Soviet people have lost a dedicated leader and a world statesman, his majesty said. His majesty has also extended heart-felt condolences to the members of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, to the Government and people of the Soviet Union as well as to the bereaved family members of the late president.

All offices of his majesty's government will remain closed tomorrow to mourn the sad demise of president of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov. According to the Home Ministry, the national flag will be flown at half-mast at all government offices on February 12th and 13th.

Royal Nepalese ambassador to the Soviet Union, Narendra Bikram Shah, will represent Nepal at the funeral of late President Andropov, the Foreign Ministry said today.

SRI LANKA

Leaders Send Condolences on Andropov Death

BK111622 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1545 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Text] President Jayewardene expressed the hope that the objectives of President Yuriy Andropov to ensure disarmament and detente in Europe might be realized very soon. In a message of condolence sent to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet on the death of President Andropov, Mr Jayewardene has stated that the Government and people of Sri Lanka join the Government of the Soviet Union in this hour of grief. He had closely followed the initiatives of the Soviet president toward disarmament and detente in Europe and it was Mr Jayewardene's hope that the objectives would soon be realized.

Prime Minister Premadasa has also sent a message of condolences to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced today that the foreign minister, Mr A.C.Y. Hameed, will represent President Jayewardene at the funeral of the Soviet president on Tuesday.

Foreign Minister Leaves for Moscow

BK131139 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] The Government of Sri Lanka has announced that Tuesday the 14th will be a day of mourning for Soviet President Yuriy Andropov. An announcement from the Ministry of Home Affairs directed government officials to fly national flags at half-mast on all government buildings today and tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Sahul Hameed left for Moscow last afternoon to represent President Jayewardene at the funeral of the late Soviet leader on Tuesday.

AFP: Tamil Leader To Sound Out Consensus

BK101500 Hong Kong AFP in English 0956 GMT 10 Feb 84

[Text] Colombo, Feb 10 (AFP) — The main minority Tamil party is to sound out participants to the national conference on ethnic tensions to see whether a consensus was possible on the country's racial problems, a party leader said here today.

The general secretary of the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), Appapillai Amirthalingam, told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE today that the party will contact political, religious and ethnic groups attending the talks which are currently threatened by the pull out of the country's main opposition group, the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP).

"We want to find out to what extent the various participants are ready to go to find a solution to the racial problems," Mr. Amirthalingam said as he prepared to leave for the northern capital of Jaffna, the Tamil stronghold, for discussions with party colleagues on the progress and prospects of the talks.

He said that the TULF has already met with some of the Tamil and Hindu participants to the conference such as the All Ceylon Tamil Congress and the Ceylon Workers Congress which represents largely Tamil plantation labour of Indian origin.

Mr. Amirthalingam is expected to continue the discussions when he returns to Colombo next Wednesday.

The talks on the ethnic tensions were started following the anti-Tamil riots in July in which nearly 400 people died.

Contingency Plans for Hormuz Closure Drawn Up
LD141123 Tehran IRNA in English 0948 GMT 14 Feb 84

[Text] Tehran, Feb, 14 IRNA — The Islamic Republic has drawn up contingency plans in preparations for the probable closure of Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf, said Mohammad Taqi Banki, minister of state and head of Plan and Budget Organisation Monday.

In an interview with weekly *AL-JIHAD*, the organ of Iraqi Muslim Mujahideen, Banki added that a stand-by plan in the event developments necessitate the blockading of the Strait of Hormuz has been presented to the cabinet and would be put into operation at appropriate time.

Referring to the decisive will of Iranian nation and government concerning continuation of the war until final victory, Banki said that Iran's five-year plan was drawn up on the basis of the costs of the war.

He added that in case officials of the Islamic Republic decided to block the Strait of Hormuz, measures were envisaged within the contingency plan to cope with the consequences of such an eventuality.

Khamene'i: Oil Must Be Used as Weapon
LD132220 Tehran IRNA in English 1830 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Excerpts] Khangiran, Feb 12, IRNA — A gas refinery — one of the largest of its kind in the world started out its inaugural operation in the presence of President Khamene'i, Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi and other officials here today.

During the inaugural ceremonies President Khamene'i lauded the efforts of the Iranian staffers and workers for having accomplished a complicated task without foreign expertise. Excerpts.

"Our enemies never believed that faith is capable of enhancing the capability of the revolutionary generation and prove them to be capable of undertaking complicated tasks. Those who were ousted from Iran, would say upon their leaving Iran that they would return to our country when the Iranian workers have proved incapable of managing the affairs of our industries. They left the country flattering themselves with such wishful hopes. And you know it is customary that nations first expel their enemies from their countries but later on due to improper practices and mismanagement they practically have their expelled enemies return to their countries. Those foreign experts who left Iran during and immediately after the culmination of the Islamic revolution flattered themselves with such fanciful hopes solely on the strength of a universal experience of their colleagues elsewhere in the world. But by a successful tackling of all their tasks you dashed their wishful hopes. And gradually after the culmination of our revolution our self-committed experts filled the places of foreign experts and successfully accomplished all tasks....

"Today our Islamic state is for the first time rightly using its oil resources and is doing so for the purpose of reviving Islam, whereas in contrast rulers in other oil producing but oppressed nations exploit such resources to the benefit of their own enemies.

"I do hereby declare that oil must be used as a weapon against the common enemies of Muslims and must be used effectively. A most disgracing form of interference in the affairs of oil producing nations is the plundering of oil resources of those nations by the supercilious world powers whereby they increase their oppressive power daily. For a time over a period of 70 years oil prices recorded only as little an increase as 70 cents per barrel.

"In 1979 a hike in oil prices was attained by the oil producing nations, but the producing nations practically appropriated all that marginal revenue to arms purchases from the United States and other consumer items from abroad. After the revolution we reversed the process, without knowledge of other oil producing nations....

"OPEC was formed initially with the idea of purchasing countries...but unfortunately later on the commitment was overbooked. [as received] We argued that decisions by OPEC must ensure the interests of the oil producing nations...the world's industries today rely heavily on oil producing nations...the world's industries today rely heavily on oil and naturally on the Persian Gulf oil. The closure of the Hormuz Strait will bring to a stop the wheels of Western industries. We now hold this weapon, which we can use properly and against all those who weave designs against us and against the oppressed nations in the region. Gas resources in the region are estimated at about 660 billion cubic metres, from which some 450 billion cubic metres can be utilized. The products of the sulphur refinery of the main plant are to be used primarily for road construction and agricultural purposes."

Khamene'i Says All Iraqi Cities 'Targets'
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[Text] President Khamene'i, chairman of the Supreme Defense Council, took part today in the 45th session of military training for the Islamic Revolution Committees. He said that as from today all Iraqi cities, with the exception of those where holy shrines are situated, will be our targets.

The president added: [Begin recording] During all this time, we have given advice, sent messages, and warned them. On the battlefronts, we responded to their crimes in a humane manner. We reported to world bodies. We kept the United Nations informed. We invited officials of international organizations to come and observe the signs of these war crimes. They were of no use. Then we had to respond in kind.

Needless to say, we have only just begun to respond in kind. They started the war, and when we started to defend ourselves the perpetrators of the war began to regret it. Similarly, our response in hitting Iraqi cities will continue long enough to make those who are attacking our cities regret their actions. [shouts of approval]

We began with three towns. However, we will not confine ourselves only to them. All of Iraq's flourishing and big cities are within range. Baghdad too is within range of our fire. Needlessto say, we will not hit the holy towns. Najaf, Karbala, Al-

Kazimiyah, and Samara will be respected; we will not hit them. However, with the exception of these four cities, we will hit any other Iraqi cities we decide to hit. [end recording]

Information Headquarters Statement

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[Excerpts] Following the announcement by the chairman of the Supreme Defense Council in connection with the escalation of Iran's raids to include all Iraqi cities, with the exception of the holy cities, the following statement was issued by the War Information Headquarters: In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Captive Iraqi people, free people of the world, and Muslims: On the order of imperialism and the frightened Zionists who are threatened by the awakening of the Muslims, the Ba'thist Baghdad rulers have begun extensive bombing of Iranian cities in order to halt the growth of the Islamic movement in the region, which plans to liberate beloved Jerusalem. The United States and the reactionaries have stepped up their support of Saddam Husayn and intend to keep the homeless and Muslim Iraqi people in captivity. As a result, the war is nearing its end. Consequently, it is necessary for the Muslims and free people of the world to become more organized in order to confront the enemy.

Suffering Iraqi people, homeless Arabs, and world Muslims, to prevent the efforts of the Baghdad clique, which is in the process of falling and is embarking on extensive raids on Islamic Iran — especially towns where Arabs live — the Islamic Republic of Iran has no choice but to give new dimensions to its retaliation. Therefore, following the announcement by the chairman of the Supreme Defense Council, as from today Tuesday the Islamic combatants will attack all Iraqi cities, except the holy shrines. You brothers and sisters who have been captured by the Ba'thists throughout dear Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran has absolutely no wish to harm the Muslim Iraqi people. We call on all Iraqi people to evacuate all the cities and to go to the places where there are holy shrines so that they may be safe from any injury. We will keep our promise and will only protect the regions declared safe.

Muslim people of Iraq, rise and pave the way by your mammoth movement for the toppling of the anti-Islamic and antipeople Saddam. Remember, Islam is mighty and Saddam is definitely not more powerful than the deceased shah. Hope for the victory of the forces of Islam.

[Signed] War Information Headquarters

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,634

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[Communique No 1,634 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the operational regions of Marivan and Panjwin, the combative units of Islam, using heavy weapons fire, yesterday disrupted the movements and activities of the Iraqi forces, inflicted damage on a border post and several mortar positions, and destroyed about 10 foxholes and trenches. In the operational region facing Piranshah, our forces opened fire on a number of enemy vehicles and infantry personnel and killed at least 10 Saddamists. In the operational region facing Qasr-e Shirin and Sumar, firing continued and, because of their superior fire, our forces silenced the enemy's heavy weapons and Iraqi infantry unit activities were halted.

On the southern fronts, as a result of the firing by the combatants of Islam on the enemy's artillery and mortar emplacements, foxholes, trenches, and supply routes, parts of their positions were destroyed and six heavy and light weapons emplacements west of the Arvand Rud were set on fire.

Yesterday, as a result of the bombing of Gilan-e Gharb and the shelling of Khorramshahr and Abadan, a number of our civilian compatriots were martyred or wounded and heavy damage was sustained in those regions.

Saddamist forces, using long-range weapons, today continued shelling the residential areas of Abadan, causing casualties and damage.

Artillery Hits Basra, Khanaqin, Mandali

GF131630 Tehran IRNA in English 1616 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] Tehran, Feb. 13, IRNA — Iranian artillery pounded Basra, Khaneqin, and Mandali of Iraq for the second straight day, creating havoc and confusion in the cities. Schools and government offices in the said cities were closed down today, while telephone communication was also disrupted in the three cities. Meanwhile many people in Basra clashed with the Iraqi police as they were fleeing for safe places.

Several citizens and three Iraqi police officers were reportedly killed or wounded during the scuffle in Basra. The Iraqi police were trying to dissuade fleeing citizens from their decision on vacating Basra. The headquarters of the Ba'th Party and a building of Iraq's secret police organization as well as living quarters of Iraqi officers in Tussiyeh of Ashar were pounded, inflicting heavy casualties.

In the midst of the situation, IRAQI NEWS AGENCY (INA) claimed in a dispatch today that the situation in the said cities was normal. It admitted Iran's heavy attack upon the cities but fell short of giving casualty figures.

According to a report from Basra, yesterday several gas stations in the city caught fire upon being hit by shells, filling the sky with heavy smoke. Iran's shells also hit Al-Hayaniyeh District in Basra and Zubar near the city, but no report as yet is available on the casualty figures in those areas.

Many members of the wealthy class of Basra arrived at the Heathrow Airport of London via Kuwait today.

War Information Head on Shelling of Iraq

LD141134 Tehran IRNA in English 0918 GMT 14 Feb 84

[Text] Tehran, feb. 13, IRNA — The head of the War Information Headquarters, Dr. Kamal Kharrazi, today addressed himself to the Iraqi citizens in Basra, Mandali and Khaneqin calling on them to vacate those cities and migrate to Karbala', Najaf, Al-Kazimiyah and Samara which Iran has spared from attacks. He reminded also that despite earlier allegations by the Baghdad government news reports, reports from Basra by such international agencies as REUTER, yesterday said that for the first time Iran had attacked non-military targets in Basra, which attack they meant had been made for the first time.

He said also that Saddam's continuous attacks upon the predominantly Arab cities and towns in the southern province of Iran had all too vividly proved that despite his avowals the Iraqi ruler is not the least concerned about the well being of the Arab peoples.

He reminded that in order to disguise his intentions the Iraqi ruler had claimed in the presence of a group of foreign ambassadors to Baghdad that the Iraqi Government had only earmarked for bombardment strategic positions in Iran and that he would spare residential areas from his attacks.

The head of the War Information Headquarters said also that Iran's retaliatory attacks had created much havoc in Basra. He reminded that it is likely that the Baghdad government might ruin buildings in residential areas in an attempt to attribute the act to the Islamic Republic and called on the Iraqi citizens to be extremely alert for any such acts by the Baghdad regime.

He assured the Iraqis they would be able to return to their own towns in a near future and shortly after the Iraqi government has been exterminated in the wake of a final set-back in the battle-fronts.

He reminded that about 4,600 civilians had been martyred, and another 22,000 civilians had been wounded in various parts of Iran as a result of missile and artillery attacks by the Iraqi forces.

Casualties Reported From Iraqi Attacks 12-14 Feb

Abadan, Khorramshahr

LD132204 Tehran IRNA in English 2031 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] Ahvaz, Feb 13 IRNA — The Iraqi aggressors zeroed in on Abadan and Khorramshahr by artillery and Katyusha Sunday evening and Monday morning. During the shelling two civilians were martyred and 15 others wounded in Abadan.

Today's shelling brought the number of casualties in that city to 17 martyrs and more than 110 wounded during the preceding 24 hours. Meanwhile, some hospitals, public installations and residential quarters were attacked there.

In Khorramshahr, the city's human casualties reached 3 martyrs and 18 wounded during the past 24 hours, seven of whom were wounded today.

3 Cities Hit by Missiles

GF140509 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 14 Feb 84

[Text] Following the glorious victories of the combatants of Islam in the Darband-i Khan region of Iraq and irrespective of the warnings of the Islamic Republic of Iran delivered to the Zionist Iraqi regime to avoid bombing civilian areas and the fact that Iran would retaliate should the cities threatened by Iraq be shelled, the barbaric Zionist Iraqi regime used six surface-to-surface missiles, donated by international oppression at around 0040 last night against the people of Masjed Soleyman, Behbehan, and Andimeshk while the people were asleep.

According to the latest reports from the cities hit by the missiles the number of martyrs were 30 and the wounded stood at 65 at 0645 today. The people wounded as a result of this barbaric crime are in various hospitals of these cities. According to the same report, the majority of the martyrs of the crime are women and children. As a result of these barbaric attacks,hundreds of shops and houses have been either totally destroyed or damaged. Immediately after this terrible crime, emergency aid units were on the scene and with the cooperation of the hezbollahi and always-on-the-scene people of Behbehan, Masjed Soleyman, and Andimeshk started removing the bodies of the martyrs and wounded. The rescue operation continues.

Raids Over 3 More Cities

LD141151 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 14 Feb 84

[Text] The Iraqi mercenaries once again last night hit Masjed Soleyman, Behbehan, and Andimeshk with missiles, killing more civilians and injuring others.

In retaliation for the defeats it suffered during various operations, particularly in Darband-i Khan the rotting Iraqi regime today launched air raids against Eslamabad, Ilam, and Gilan-e Gharb. By bombing these civilian areas, many of our defenseless compatriots were martyred and injured.

The latest reports from Masjed Soleyman, Behbehan, and Andimeshk note that a total of 38 people have been martyred, among them women, children, and a 6-month-old baby. Moreover, 75 others were injured as a result of the Iraqi missile attack.

In the bombing of Eslamabad, Ilam, and Gilan-e Gharb, 60 people were martyred and 360 civilians were injured. A number of houses, shops, and cars were also totally destroyed.

Airspace Violation

LD141153 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 14 Feb 84

[Text] Yesterday and today the infidel Saddamists began intense shelling of Khorramshahr and Abadan by long-range artillery and heavy weapons. Several homes were damaged as a result. Consequently, during the past 24 hours, the number of martyrs in Khorramshahr has reached 5, with 18 injured. Moreover,

enemy aircraft violated airspace over Gilan-e Gharb at 0330, 0400, and 0530 this morning. However, they were forced to flee by the defensive fire of the Islamic forces.

Forces Advance 20 KM Into Iraqi Territory

LD131737 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Communique of VII Jerusalem Corps Headquarters]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The powerful and heroic forces of Islam, inspired by their faith in God and under the assistance of God Almighty, continue their incessant war against the criminal enemy, the agent of Zionism and world arrogance in the region, and are inflicting heavy blows upon the Zionist regime of Baghdad. The self-sacrificing forces of Islam, on the blessed 11 February anniversary started the Jerusalem liberation operations in the mountainous Darband-i Khan region in Iraq, southwest of Marivan, and have achieved a great victory.

In this phase of the victorous Jerusalem liberation operations, the fighters of Islam, by crossing the mountainous Darband-i Khan region, advanced 20 km inside Iraqi territory. In addition to killing or wounding a number of enemy forces and taking a number of prisoners, the fighters of Islam succeeded in capturing a number of important heights, including (Bardatkan) and (Shumran) heights, and they liberated 115 square km of Iraqi territory.

The fighters of Islam are now stationed 5 km from Darband-i Khan Dam in Iraq and are overlooking the important Sulaymaniyah-Bagdhad communication route, Darband-i Khan town, and Darband-i Khan Lake.

Our powerful forces will continue their operations under the command of the 7th Jerusalem Corps Headquarters until they achieve their predetermined goals.

Fighting and intense artillery fire continue; our forces in the operational zone have total superiority.

[Signed] VII Jerusalem Corps Headquarters

Volunteers Asked To Report to Guards Bases

LD132232 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] The 10th District Islamic Revolution Guards Corps has issued a statement announcing that personnel of the brigades of the 10th Jerusalem Corps who volunteered to fight on the fronts of the war waged by right against wrong should report to bases of the 10th District Islamic Revolution Guards Corps by 0900 on 14 February in order to be sent to the front.

Armed Forces Chief Briefs President 13 Feb

LD131814 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Text] Brigadier General Qasem 'Ali Zahirnezhad, chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, this afternoon met with Mr Khamene'i, president and chairman of the Supreme Defense Council. The chief of the Joint Staff reported on the situation of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the chairman of the Supreme Defense Council. Mr Khamene'i issued the necessary orders.

Replacement of Iraqi Chief of Staff Noted

LD132240 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 13 Feb 84

[Excerpt] Lieutenant General 'Abd al-Jabbar Shanshal, chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Zionist Iraqi regime, was dismissed on the orders of Saddam and was replaced by General Isma'il an-Na'imi.

Ayatollah Khomeyni's Anniversary Message

GF111707 Tehran IRNA in English 1628 GMT 11 Feb 84

[Text] Tehran, Feb. 11, IRNA — In a message to the nation on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeyni, today warned the United States and other big powers that their schemes for exterminating the Islamic Revolution in Iran and checking a rising conscience of the Muslim masses throughout the world are not the least likely to prove successful. He said the oppressed masses throughout the world have already risen for cutting the hands of the tyrants, and that policy-makers in Washington would be better advised to open their eyes to the realities of our time and remember that the Satanic world powers have long since been disarmed of their traditional and their novel colonialistic weapons. The following is a translation from the Imam's message to the nation on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the triumph of the Islamic Revolution which was read by his son Hojjat ol-Eslam Hajj Seyyed Ahmad Khomeyni to a million strong rally at the Azadi Square of Tehran today.

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Be praised by us humble people O Lord for thy endless grace and thy mercy upon us for having dignified us at the threshold of the atart of the sixth year since the triumph of the Islamic Revolution.

We are commemorating today the fifth anniversary of the extermination of a tyrannical monarch and of the rule of the world's tyrants upon the then wronged people of Iran and, throughout all this time, we witnessed that the calculations of the masterminds of the West and East were all proved to be false. Such people as they whose eyes see only the physical surface and materialistic dealings and who are ignorant of metaphysical powers thought it absolutely impossible for a nation such as ours to overcome a 2,580-year-old regime which was equipped by U.S.-made weap

ons as well as by other weapons manufactured in the Western and Eastern countries. Later on they perceived the falsehood of a national judgment whereby they contended that any revolution must rely on either the West or East for its survival, and whereby also they contended that the new-born Islamic Revolution would last only a few months. The months and the years came and went by during which Iran regained its tranquility and the revolution and the Islamic Republic Government stood firmly on like a solid mountain bringing the Western and Eastern world face to face with a divinely power.

As it was ordained by God, today the Muslim nations and oppressed masses throughout the world, are revolting against the nuclear powers and rising for a revolution against the massacres of the people, and against dictatorship masked under democracy and brutality under the veil of humanity and plundering under the guise of socialism. Such overwhelming torrent of people cannot be stopped by resort to application of force. Thanks be to the Lord for his special blessings upon us and to the beneficient aid of the imam of our time (AS) (the absent twelfth imam), may our souls for him be sacrificed, the religious power of Iran whose radiance is reflected throughout the globe in the West and East is already all to well known by all Satanic world powers, or without accusing Iran's youth of having had a hand in those developments. The houses of the superpowers such as the White House are protected today by security walls. Upon their fleets hover fighter bombers. The supreme Lord has deprived them of a tranquility and a peace of mind and has helped fighters in his cause to overcome each and every feeling of intimidation.

By their insinuations and defamatory gossips rather than weaken the Islamic Revolution, the publishers of those gossips as though serve to further enhearten the struggling people of Iran, thereby embolden the downtrodden peoples of the world, and God as though lets his religion be solidified by the very hands of the mal-wishers. [sentence as received]

It is time the world superpowers realized that we are no longer living in an era at which the peoples might step back at a single threat as do the governments. In our era it is peculiar of the Satanic power of the United States and its agents and supporters to fortify the houses of their heads of state with concrete walls and ramparts and to close access to them here and there throughout the world. While the Islamic Republic of Iran has never had a hand in any explosion in any part of the world, but nonetheless it has successfully rid the tyrannized and downtrodden masses from their undue awe and terror and shattered under feet the colossal and imaginary idols. The accomplishment of this single task by a nation of limited people is in fact a miracle worked by the hand of Allah.

It is time the United States realized that its hasty decisions no more than its resort to such unwise artifices as its declaration of Iran as a country promoting terrorism will not the least avail it, and will not open any way out of the maize [as received] in which it is entangled.

The situation will absolutely not pose any difficulty to Iran. Why? Because aided by its allied forces in Europe the United States after being defeated here once ventured to impose economic sanctions upon Iran and did all that it possibly could while we welcomed the move.

The policy makers in the White House must realize that the world has experienced a change and that the Satanic powers have already been disarmed of their traditional and novel colonialistic weapons. The policy makers in the United States then must revise their outlook and their policies and do not flatter themselves with such wishful thinking as having in their hands the power of ruling over an entire community of world nations, or with the nation that the world countries in their entirety are blindfoldedly at their service...they must remember that as their introduction of Egypt in the so-called Islamic Conference with all that artifices and strategem, and their collusions with Husayn (of Jordan) and Hassan (of Morocco) and Husni Mubarak (of Egypt) did not avail them, their severance of relations likewise, with this or that country, or their inclusion of the name of a country in defamatory and deceptive lists are not likely to make things any more difficult for this or that nation.

It is not unexpected that the United States and its avowed supporters have been doing everything for returning Egypt to the Arab fold (Arab League). But rather the more sorrowing is the attitude and the position of Arab leaders who after a long prelude and much propaganda and secret as well as overt exchanges of visits and so much ballyhoo and what not ... sat in this last conference (in Casablanca) only to forget the most immediate and the graver problems of Muslims in favor of efforts for returning Egypt — the party to an accord with Israel — to the Arab fold (League). Some years ago they dismissed Egypt from the League as a result of its accord with Israel and later on just recently they decided to return it to their family as a gesture of giving recognition to Israel. Some years ago they boycotted Egypt because of having turned its back to the Arab world, and just recently they returned it to their fold because the Egyptian Government had stooped to kiss the hands of the U.S.A.. Some years ago they expelled the Egyptian Government from their fold because of its betrayal of the aspirations of Palestinians, and today they returned it to their fold as a concerted endorsement of its selling of those principles. And even the more sorrowing was Egypt's refusal to accept any (pre) conditions for being brought back to the Arab fold.

However can Muslims tolerate the infamy of having as their heads of state such people as there are in their countries. Isn't it time the Muslim nations rose upon their feet and make their heads of states yield to the dictates of Islam or do with them as did the Iranian people? Are the so-called Muslim governments still in their slumber and do they not see that the situation of the nations today is different from what it was in the past? Do they not want to realize that the people have grown sophisticated and that imposters whether aligned with the West or East have long since lost their ground? ... Don't they realize that the Islamic Revolution has already been, or is being exported or that with dispensations of the Supreme Lord, the banner of Islam is likely to be hoisted throughout the globe in a not-too-distant future? So were it not the time the (Muslim) governments come to themselves and repent from the grave sin which they committed in Casablanca and whereby they violated the dignity and the honor of Islam and of Muslims and especially of Arab's recording

a historical infamy for themselves? Would not they be better advised to return to almighty and vengeful God lest the flames of divine wrath might one day catch them indiscriminately? And on the occasion of our coming to the threshold of the start of the sixth year of our revolution I feel impelled to remind you people of a few points which I have in mind. (excerpts)

1. Now that with the aids of the Supreme Lord...the Islamic Republic is firmly treading its course, I would like to urge our dignified people to maintain their active presence in the scene and not to spare their help to this self-committed government and to the battlefronts or efforts behind the battlescenes. The duty of defending Islam and the Islamic Republic is a religious one upon all Muslims which I hope every citizen will fulfill in a manner consistent with his capacity and his resources....

2. My tongue as well as my pen is incapable of expressing a due appreciation to the self-sacrificing Muslim combatants who have imparted so much dignity and pride to the Islamic Republic by their acts of self-sacrifice and by having safeguarded the aspirations of Islam in all our battlefronts.... However can the Westerners and the Easterners and the Westnobists [as received] and the Eastnobists [as received] as well as the groups of nationalists define such acts of self-sacrifice as you have done with all its spiritual values and its divine love? Here we are not faced with merely courageous acts but are dealing rather with a divine motivation, a love of the ultimate beloved which overshadows everything else and which burns down every motive other than inspired by a love of the divine being....

3. You beloved men of Islam and assets of the struggling nation, struggle on until such time as you have cast away a love of "self" from the interior of your hearts...then I exhort you to remove the veils of self-love and attack the enemy as a single hand with a common commitment of serving Islam and our Islamic state feeling pleasure at any victory by any strata of our society as having been our own victory, and thinking of our ultimate objective rather of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps as distinct from the rest of the Armed Forces or from the rest of the Muslim combatants....

4. A principal task which we will have to tackle in a near future is the holding of elections for the second session of our Islamic Consultative Assembly (Majlis). We cannot over-emphasize the importance of the upcoming elections. I, therefore, advise our public speakers to utilize every possible platform for reminding the importance of the upcoming elections to the people....

Our Majlis needs a group of experts in various fields of knowledge as required by the country as much as it needs well-informed members of Ulema competent in the religious and political precepts of Islam. Our Majlis today faces a chaotic industrial and politically-complex world as well as Western and Eastern cultural trends and incessant global battles for survival. Such a Majlis must be filled with knowledgeable and learned people and with experts from all walks of the life. Therefore it is imperative upon those who nominate candidates for elections, to include in their lists a group of candidates who are experts in a field of knowledge.... The forthcoming elections is a divine proposition which will distinguish lovers of measures from lovers of partisan spirit, and which will single out the believers and the self-comitted from pretenders... .Those who move for candidacy in the Majlis or who have been nominated by any special group would do good to think of the blessed and supreme Lord and his satisfaction and to withdraw from candidacy — if they should not regard themselves fully competent for acting as a deputy in our Majlis....

5. Our theological schools as much as our universities are very important centres acting as the raw materials for the destiny of a nation. They are centres from which disseminate facts about Islam and about political, social, economic and cultural and other realities of our day... They are the centres which provide the resources for the motor-activity of a social system.... We must all remember that our predatory enemies have an eye to our colleagues and universities in the hope of penetrating our colleges even though they should do so in a distant future. They mean to divert good-natured youth (into profane and laic ideologies) and thereby pave the way for their plundering of our resources. Therefore our respected college educators as well as our college students would be wise to watch against any penetration in their ranks of elements inspired by the West or of opportunists, who might wish to gradually pursue the hideous objectives of the world-devouring powers....

6. The judiciary power which provides a sanctuary to the wronged people is an independent power in which no authority whatsoever is permitted to interfere. If there are people who should unknowingly interfere in the conduct of the functions and duties of the judiciary, they must remember that they have done so against the dictates of our religion and of our social order. If they knowingly do so then they are punishable and it is the responsibility of our government and of executive officials to prevent such violations and encroachments by any person anywhere... and those who act in contempt of the judgements of our courts of justice, act in violation of the precepts of Islam and divinely decrees and must therefore be prosecuted and punished according to religious laws....Our country is a Muslim state and therefore anything which goes here must be according to the dictates of Islam....

7. Today Iran is being encroached upon by all blustering forces simply because it is dedicated to enforcing the progressive laws of Islam, and because by reason of an unwarranted fear, the governments of the region are panicked by the Islamic Republic. They do not spare any hostile propaganda against us. In the midst of this hostile global portrayal of our Islamic Republic it is the responsibility of our people and our government to mutually support each other and stretch friendly hands to each other even though they should have brotherly grievances against each other. The government is at the service of our people with all its might....Our nation must fully support our government and when and where they encounter problems they should bring them to the attention of the government itself and give it a helpful hand.... Likewise the government must pool its entire resources for overcoming deficiencies.... Should the nation and the government and the Armed Forces and tribesmen fail to join each other in a common and purposeful end to defend their country and Islam and should as a result of such failure any set-back be suffered by us then in that each and every person will be responsive to the Supreme Lord and to future generations and we will then be

condemned by the future generations and by oppressed masses throughout the world....

8. The people and government of Iran, nay all conscientious and self-committed Muslims throughout the world and the downtrodden Muslims resent many of the moves of the Muslim heads of state and consider their acts as being in violation of the dignity and the good repute of Islam and the reputation of the Muslim states. They condemn the efforts of the heads of states in the various forums and conferences toward an objective which inescapably involves a recognition of the usurping Israel, and the allowance of a larger elbow-room for the United States in the region and in the Muslim states and which serves also to facilitate the plundering of the valuable resources of Muslims and fans the flame of a war which they have made against maltreated Muslims in Lebanon and also encourages Saddam and his forces in a war imposed upon the Islamic Republic and which in effect is supposed to solidify the pillars of the usurping Israeli Government....

In a bid to finding the ways and means for ridding the Muslim nations from the claws of the superpowers and for saving the heads of Muslim states from the sway of the world devouring powers and also in order to enhance our capability to stand against colonialists and colonialism, I propose that members of the Ulema as well as intellectuals in all Muslim states work out a scheme involving a fuller interface and collaboration with each other and dedicate themselves first and foremost to awakening deprived masses and remain assured that they shall find out the ways and means and that they will eventually triumph. I pray that the Supreme Lord and his men will be satisfied with what they will accomplish and that they will be dignified in this world and in the hereafter...and let them rest assured that the world is undergoing a radical change and that our world today will not allow the two superpowers to do absolutely anything as they might wish nor will our world permit a group of people wielding an ultimate global power and mastering the fate of peoples here and there throughout the world. [sentence as received] Then the self-committed members of the Ulema as well as intellectuals here and there would be better advised to develop a sympathy towards their own people and to get closer to their fellow-countrymen and count on them and act according to the dictates of the Holy Quran and our prophet's (saw) traditions.

9. The welfare and the well-being of our prisoners, too, is among other topics which must be closely heeded. This equally applies to members of groups which have instituted armed rebellion against the Islamic Republic and to others of the convicts such as those who have corrupted our youth by trafficking in narcotics, and others....

Even the convict who deserves the highest divinely-ordained punishment, be it capital punishment or other, must be given a kindly treatment by all prison warders and by others throughout the period of his custody until the last minute of the punishment to be inflicted upon him....

10. I need only request those of our fellow-countrymen who are residing abroad and who can serve their afflicted people here — be they our respectable doctors or experts in other fields — to think of their fellow-countrymen who for a long time throughout the history were afflicted with countless hardships, and decide whether they really prefer to stay outside of their home country and serve the countries which are the enemies of their own country and be heedless about the call for help of [words indistinct] plundered as much as they could and who eventually ran away from the country and who are now drifting in a dirty quagmire of lusts and corruption, but only to those of our honourable citizens who have not lost their human conscience.

11. To our members of the ulema and to our leaders of Friday mass prayers I need only say that you people have always served as a focal point for an identity of purpose among the masses, and that as you know, today we see filthy hands in the working for bringing our masses into disarray, these hands are activitated by people who fear to see an indentity of purpose among the masses. Those people are likely to impress the more simple groups of our people who are ignorant about the facts of revolutions. You are the best sector of our society who can establish a salutary contact with the more naive sectors of our people. You need remind them they were among the groups who instituted the (Islamic) revolution and who rid themselves from the claws of the United States and of other world plunderers. You must remind them that if they should now let themselves yield to insinuations by malwishers and God forbid permit any fissure in their ranks they shall have thereby thrown to dust the result of their onerous efforts as well as the blood of their martyrs....

And to those of our educated people and our intellectuals and learned people who are not plagued by an inclination to [words indistinct] Islamic and national dignity or their spirit of patriotism to the group of power-mongers, I need only extend this invitation calling on them to exploit their pens for promoting the dignity of Islam and of their own country and fellow-countrymen and raise a sympathetic call in unison with that coming from the throat of our deprived people, so that you may safeguard a liberation such as you have attained from the claws of the East and West and remain assured that none or very few of the world nations have ever had the opportunity such as you have.

May the almighty help us indentify and fulfill the tasks expected of us.

Velayati Rejects Talks With Saddam Husayn

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[Text] Tehran, Feb. 10, IRNA — Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati today reiterated that the Iraqi imposed war should not be ended except through a victorious struggle, rejecting holding any negotiations with Iraqi ruler Saddam Husayn since, Velayati added, Saddam failed to observe his undertakings. [as received]

Velayati, a pre-sermon speaker at this week's Friday prayers, further noted that the Islamic Republic did not have a design on an inch of any country's territory, including Iraq. He stressed that since the majority of Iraqi people were Muslims, therefore Muslims there should determine the fate of their country — establishment of an Islamic rule.

Commenting on world issues, the foreign minister said that the cause of Palestine was one of the most important problems the

Islamic world was facing. Gradual return to Islam of Palestinian people has forced the Zionist regime, for the first time during the past 30 to 40 years, to announce that it would withdraw its forces from south Lebanon. This measure, Velayati said, was not taken due to the Zionists humanitarian tendencies but rather was the same pressure which also forces the U.S. and allies to announce withdrawal of their forces from there, who are now attempting to intervene there once again under the cover of U.N. forces.

Therefore, Velayati stressed we announced that after the disgraceful withdrawal of multi-national and the usurper forces, we will not by any means accept re-occupation of Lebanon by U.N. forces.

Referring to the issue of Afghanistan, the foreign minister noted that the Islamic Republic was very sensitive towards the fate of this Muslim country and its peoples, adding that the most important provision for returning this country back to normalcy was the withdrawal of Soviet forces there.

Refuting allegations of Iran's direct role in movements in other countries, the Iranian official said that values of the Islamic revolution were not confined to this country but rather had penetrated into the heart of Muslim ummah.

Emphasising at resolutions of international bodies were aimed at satisfying interests of the present two-pole world, Velayati said at such organisations had hushed up vis-a-vis governmental crimes committed against Afro-Americans in the U.S., racism in South Africa and deplorable situation of the American Indians.

Under these circumstances, he noted, Islam, as a religion which through 14 centuries had manifested sublime values, was being discussed.

Islam, with the victory of the Islamic Revolution and after passing of five years of over-all endeavours of its leadership and people, had proved in spite of all instigation to be practical even in the 20th century, the foreign minister said.

Khomeyni Regrets Iraq in Hands of 'Mad Man'

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[Text] Tehran, Feb. 12, IRNA — Imam Khomeyni said yesterday that Iraq is unfortunately in the hands of a mad man (Saddam Husayn) who wants to drown everyone along with himself because he sees himself being drowned and so he wants to drown the Iraqi people too.

Saddam's Saturday morning maniac attack was carried out with the prior knowledge that his move would not remain unresponded, added the Imam. Imam Khomeyni went on to say that the world is unfortunately talking about human rights without taking any action.

Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, made these remarks when he received the minister and the commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) along with his representative and members of the high council of IRGC. In this meeting the IRGC officials presented a report to the Imam on the issues concerning the Iraqi-imposed war, the Quds liberation maneuvers and the IRGC.

Imam Khomeyni also gave some guidelines to the visiting IRGC officials urging them to maintain unity and carry out their duties of safeguarding Islam and the country.

Leaders Meet With Syrian Minister of State

President Khamene'i

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, Kamal Sharaf, Syrian minister of state for planning affairs, together with Syria's ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran, today met with President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i. Mr Banki, minister of state in charge of the plan and budget organization, was present at this meeting.

At first, the Syrian minister of state in charge of planning affairs expressed his pleasure over being in the revolutionary country of Iran and conveyed the greetings of Hafiz al-Asad, president of the brother country of Syria. He stressed expansion of relations between the two countries as much as possible.

Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, noting the fraternal and sincere relations between Iran and Syria, then emphasized the need to expand these relations: The fact is that in our fight against the greatest and most dangerous enemies of the two countries and Islam, we are on the same front — that is the front fighting against the Zionists and behind them the Americans. We admire you for your struggle against the Zionist enemy.

The president, expressing regret over the bitter events in the international world of Islam and as a result in the international world of Arabs, said: The Americans are fortifying their position and, unfortunately, despite the show of determination and decisiveness by the nations in confronting the United States, some of the Arab countries continue to get closer to the United States. Mr Khamene'i stressed: Here, the heavy responsibility of progressive and popular governments is felt. We seriously think that it is necessary to form a united anti-U.S. front among the Islamic countries. The president, referring to the situation in Lebanon, said: We are very optimistic about the future of Lebanon since we consider the role played by the Muslims there as being of fundamental importance.

Prime Minister Musavi

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[Text] The Syrian minister of state for planning also yesterday met and conferred with Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi. During the meeting which was also attended by Mr Banki, minister of executive affairs in charge of the Plan and Budget Organization, the Syrian minister of state, noting the brotherly political ties between the two countries, said that Syria is ready

to expand the long-term economic, technical, and industrial ties with Iran. He talked about the joint planning efforts of the two countries.

Mir-Hoseyn Musavi then noted that the Islamic Revolution of Iran belongs to all the Muslims of the world. He said: Since the early days of the victory of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, the issues of the ties between our nation and Syria and all the nations who are standing up to Zionism and international oppression has been raised and the government has worked toward the creation of a joint anti-Zionist axis.

Our prime minister also expressed hope for the further expansion of the economic ties between the two countries.

Foreign Ministry Statement on Lebanon
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[Text] The Foreign Ministry issued a statement yesterday denouncing the bombardment of the areas inhabited by Muslim Lebanese people by the U.S. military fleet, which led to the killing of many Muslim Lebanese revolutionaries and the wounding of many others. The statement emphasized that the U.S. intervention force in Lebanon is facing a disgraceful defeat and the only way out for it is to withdraw from Lebanon. It reiterated Iran's support for the struggle of the oppressed and Muslim people in Lebanon against U.S. and Zionist aggression.

President Inaugurates Port, Arrives in Mashhad
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[Text] Chah Bahar, Feb. 11, IRNA — President Khamene'i officially inaugurated one of Chah Bahar's two port facilities Friday in a ceremony attended by Roads and Transportation Minister Hadinezhad-Hoseynian, military commanders and local officials.

The 37-million-dollar port has the capacity of simultaneously unloading goods from four 25,000-ton ships and would reduce the work load of other major ports in the country.

The port, which has been named after the martyred Chief Justice Ayatollah Beheshti, is the first port built in the open sea in southern Iran. It took workers and engineers 11 months to complete the port.

The Shahid (Martyr) Beheshti Port has 360 square metres of open air for unloading goods and two 18,000-square metre warehouses are being built. Also, some 720 housing units in the area have been completed and part of a 96-room hotel is ready for occupancy.

Later in the evening, President Khamene'i arrived in Mashhad, the provincial capital of Khorasan, for pilgrimage to the holy shrine of Imam Reza (AS). He had a meeting with local religious officials on the issues facing the theological school in Mashhad. A check worth 700,000 rials (dlrs 8,000) from the Turkoman people of Bojnured was handed to the president for the war effort.

The president then visited the rehabilitation centre of the maimed combatants of the Iraqi imposed war and praised the combatants' sacrifice for the Islamic Revolution. He called on the centres officials to exert utmost effort to provide the needs of the maimed combatants.

Explains Retaliation
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[Text] Mashhad, Feb. 11, IRNA — We have alerted the people of Basra, Mandali, and Kaneqin to leave their homes as soon as possible because as we announced before we will retaliate against this action by Saddam, President Khamene'i said in a speech to a gathering of hundreds of thousands of people here today.

The Islamic Republic has given time to the Iraqi inhabitants of these three cities to leave their homes today and this evening so they will not be harmed by Iran's retaliatory fire.

This is the first time the Islamic Republic has aimed its guns against Iraqi cities since the inception of the Iraqi aggression some 41 months ago. The decision for retaliatory action came on Monday when President Khamene'i warned Iraq not to attack Iranian cities or it would face Iran's retaliation against Basra, Khanaqin and Mandali.

Iraq has threatened to attack 11 Iranian cities. Today Dezful a frequent target of Iraqi missile attacks was hit by five Iraqi missiles leaving at least six people martyred and 27 other wounded.

Earlier on Feb. 3, Prime Minister Musavi also warned of Iran's attacks against Iraqi economic installations if Iraq carried out its threats.

In his address on the fifth anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, President Khamene'i told a huge gathering here the Muslim nation of Iran had proven during the past five years that economic sanctions, military aggression, and various other plots by the superpowers did not have much effect on the current of the Islamic Revolution. The reason for this is that our reliance is not on the super powers but on God and faithful and committed forces of the revolution. This is why they were able to overcome the issues and problems caused by the enmity of the super powers and were able to defuse their empty and baseless propaganda, the president said.

He added, the most important obstacles which we faced during this period (since the revolution) was sabotage by the super powers and the hostilities of the Eastern and Western countries, and we did not expect any thing else. Because the Islamic Revolution tolled the bells of awakening and awareness for the nations of the world and this threatened the super powers who have usurped the interests of the oppressed nations and who have now also being obstructed from further usurpation by them (superpowers).

President Khamene'i said the Islamic movements in Afghanistan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Sudan had

been inspired by the Islamic Revolution in Iran and would ultimately end the domination of world arrogant powers for ever.

He said one thing which was unforgiveable and unforgetable was the safeguarding of the interests of imperialism in the region by Iran's neighbours in the Persian Gulf. The president reiterated that the Islamic Republic was not intending to go to war against any country since the spiritual aspect of the Islamic Revolution was strong enough for the export of the message of the revolution without military confrontation. The only word to these countries, the president added, was that their enormous wealth should not be spent for the strengthening of Islam's enemies but rather they should be used as a weapon against the superpowers.

Radio Iran Reports on Results of Sit-in

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[Excerpts] Compatriots: Yesterday evening the national sit-in by 40 million united Iranians ended with messages from Dr Shapur Bakhtiar and the 14th Mordad Movement. In all towns and cities, the Iranian people suddenly came out into the streets and broke 36 hours of silence. At the end of the national boycott by the Iranian nation, people went into the streets, causing many traffic jams.

At the end of the national sit-in, great traffic jams occurred in several Tehran streets. According to a report from nationalist elements in Tabriz, the people there suddenly poured into the streets at the end of the sit-in and drowned the entire city with their shouting. Many of the main streets in Tabriz were blocked by traffic jams. Over 90 percent of the local people participated in the sit-in and then went into the streets at its conclusion.

The main streets of Shiraz fell into the hands of Iran-lovers and the city center was jammed. According to nationalist sources in Esfahan, Kerman, Rasht, Ahvaz, and Mashhad, people participated in the 36-hour sit-in and thus harassed the barbaric Khomeyni regime with this nationalist show.

Dr Shapur Bakhtiar thanked the 40 million people of Iran for the national sit-in. He called it a comprehensive referendum by the people who showed their hatred for the hellish regime.